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Mr. Joseph T. Edmiston, Director
Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265
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(I) Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of properties in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement 2530, using public, private, and in-lieu-fee mitigation funds, Glassell Park area, Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Edmiston,

On behalf of the Glassell Park Improvement Association(GPIA), I am writing requesting that the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy **consider and purchase** the tax defaulted properties in our neighborhood known to many as Moss Canyon.

The purchase of parcels 5460017021, 5460015030, 5462010008, 5462020009, 5462020010, 5462010025, 5462010017, 5462010018, 5462010019, 5462010023 would create an important foundation for preserving some of the last remaining **walnut woodland habitat** in Northeast Los Angeles. The GPIA was created with the intentions to improve our community. It's commitment to preserve **Open Space** so that native plants and animals are conserved for the generations to come.

Glassell Park is a wonderful mix of hills and canyons abutting the Los Angeles River and in need of more park space. Many residents in this community and surrounding communities are concerned about the destruction of native habitat. Our goal is to preserve as many of these parcels for open space, the active and diverse wildlife corridor of this area will have a chance to survive in the current climate of speculative development that has besieged our hillsides.

The Glassell Park Improvement Association is committed to support and work hand in hand with Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy's in preserving **Open Space** in Moss Canyon by purchasing the parcels stated above.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura I. Gutierrez', written in a cursive style.

Laura I. Gutierrez, R.N., President

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